

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1       1.    A method for lifecycle maturity assessment,  
2            comprising:  
3            defining process stages of a business process;  
4            dividing the process stages into key process areas;  
5            rating the business process according to the key  
6                 process areas to produce key process area  
7                 ratings;  
8            compiling the key process area ratings;  
9            performing a business evaluation in accordance with  
10                 the key process area ratings; and  
11            creating a recommendation report corresponding to the  
12                 business evaluation.
- 1       2.    The method of claim 1, wherein each process stage is  
2            associated with specific key process areas.
- 1       3.    The method of claim 1, wherein the business process is  
2            rated on a five-level maturity scale.
- 1       4.    The method of claim 1, wherein the business process is  
2            rated according to a predefined digital maturity  
3            model.